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SUBJECT:PROSPECTIVE FRENCH NUCLEAR REACTOR SALE TO PRC

1. SUMMARY: JEAN-CLAUDE LENY, PRESIDENT OF FRAMATOME AND
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF NOVATOME, VISITED USDOE MAY 29 TO
INQUIRE ABOUT PROBABLE USG REACTION TO PROPOSED SALE OF
FRAMATOME LIGHT WATER REACTOR (LWR) TO PRC, AND TO EXPRESS
HOPE THAT USG VIEWS COULD BE MADE KNOWN SOON. HE WAS
ADVISED THAT PROPOSED TRANSACTION WAS A COMPLEX MATTER WHICH
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WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL USG ASSESSMENT.

2. LENY STATED THAT FRAMATOME CURRENTLY HAD ORDERS FOR
49 LWRS, 40 IN FRANCE AND 9 ABROAD. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN
UNDERWAY AT HIGH LEVEL FOR SIX MONTHS WITH PRC, WHICH IS
INTERESTED IN BUYING FRAMATOME LWR. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT TWO
HURDLES WOULD HAVE TO BE OVERCOME. FIRST, AN EXCEPTION

WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM COCOM, AND SECOND, PERMISSION FROM SECRETARY OF ENERGY WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED BY WESTINGHOUSE BECAUSE OF LATTER'S LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WITH FRAMATOME. LENY THEN INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF USG APPROVAL OF SUCH A SALE, AND ASKED FOR AN EARLY INDICATION OF USG VIEWS.

3. USDOE OFFICIALS ASKED LENY ABOUT PLANS FOR REPROCESSING SPENT FUEL FROM SUCH A REACTOR, BUT LENY REPLIED THAT THIS TOPIC HAD NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH PRC. IN ADDITION, FRAMATOME WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SELLING REPROCESSING FACILITIES.

4. CONCERNING GOF ATTITUDE TOWARD APPLICATION OF SAFE-GUARDS IN THIS INSTANCE, LENY STATED HE BELIEVED GOF WOULD PROBABLY BE REASONABLE, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR HIS GOVERNMENT.

5. USDOE OFFICIALS NOTED THAT COMPLEX POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL FACTORS WERE INVOLVED AND WOULD REQUIRE CAREFUL REVIEW BY USG IN ARRIVING AT ITS POSITION ON PROPOSED TRANSACTION.

6. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT AND CONCERNED AGENCIES ARE NOW STUDYING THIS ISSUE AND WE WILL BE TRANSMITTING TO EMBASSY PARIS SHORTLY OUR THOUGHTS ON HOW WE SHOULD BEST PROCEED.
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